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THE day returns and brings us the petty round of irritating concerns and duties. Help us to play the man, help us to perform them with laughter and kind faces, let cheerfulness abound with industry. Give us to go blithely on our business all this day, bring us to our resting beds weary and content and undishonored, and grant us in the end the gift of sleep.

At Evening



ORD, look down upon ourselves and upon our absent dear ones. Help us and them. Give us health, food, bright weather, and light hearts. In what we meditate of evil, frustrate our will; in what of good, further our endeavors. Cause injuries to be forgot and benefits to be remembered. Let us lie down without fear and awake and arise with exultation, for His sake. Amen.



IF there be some weaker
one,
Give me strength to
help him on ;
If a blinder soul there be
Let me guide him nearer Thee ;
Make my mortal dreams come true
With the work I fain would do ;
Clothe with life the weak intent,
Let me be the thing I meant ;
Let me find in Thy employ,
Peace that dearer is than joy ;
Out of self to love be led,
And to Heaven acclimated,
Until all things sweet and good
Seem my natural habitude.

—J. G. Whittier





AM quite sure that one secret of youth is to keep up with determined and steady hand, one's own tone, to avoid ruts and narrowing circles.

—*F. W. Ware*



IT is not what a man gets, but what a man is, that he should think of. He should first think of his character, and then of his condition. He that has character need have no fear of his condition. Character will draw condition after it.

H. W. Beecher





If any little word of
ours can make one life
the brighter;
If any little song of
ours can make one
heart the lighter;
God help us speak that little word,
and take our bit of singing,
And drop it in some lonely vale,
and set the echoes ringing.



LET the weakest, let the humblest remember that in his daily course he can, if he will, shed around him almost a heaven. Kindly words, sympathizing attentions, watchfulness against wounding men's sensitiveness—these cost very little but they are priceless in their value.

—*F. W. Robertson*



EXPECT to pass through this life but once. If, therefore, there is any kindness I can show, or any good I can do to any fellow-being, let me do it now, let me not defer it, for I shall not pass this way again.

—*Mrs. A. B. Hegeman*



YOU will find as you look back upon your life that the moments that stand out, the moments when you have really lived, are the moments when you have done things in a spirit of love.

—*Henry Drummond*



THE little worries which
we meet each day,
May be as stumbling-
blocks across our
way,
Or we may make them stepping
stones to be
Of grace, O Lord to Thee.

—*A. E. Hamilton*



GUARD well within yourself that treasure, kindness. Know how to give without hesitation, how to lose without regret, how to acquire without meaness.

—*George Sand*

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